

**FACT SHEET**

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# **Production Flexibility Contract Data — Fiscal Year 1996**

Production Flexibility Contracts are administered by the Secretary of Agriculture through the Farm Service Agency. The program ensures that participating producers receive a fixed payment for the agricultural commodities listed below.

Farms eligible to receive payments under Production Flexibility Contracts

are those enrolled in the 7-year program when a one-time sign-up was held, except for farms with CRP contracts expiring after the sign-up, which may be enrolled when the CRP contract expires. The one-time sign-up was held in 1996, and contracts began with the 1996 crop and extend through the 2002 crop.

**TABLE 1: 1996 Contract Enrollment Data**

Crop	Number of Farms			Contract Acres		
	Total	Enrolled	Percent	Total	Enrolled	Percent
Wheat	1,042,042	953,995	91.6	77,345,101	76,673,982	99.1
Corn	1,389,100	1,235,795	89.0	82,084,594	80,726,420	98.3
Sorghum	368,948	343,724	93.2	13,246,904	13,093,078	98.8
Barley	234,881	216,309	92.1	10,640,419	10,538,502	98.9
Oats	572,017	513,334	89.7	6,364,769	6,176,378	97.0
Cotton	169,655	164,632	97.0	16,302,861	16,202,154	99.4
Rice	22,669	22,382	98.7	4,176,420	4,157,904	99.6
TOTAL	1,887,194	1,681,921	89.1	210,161,067	207,558,418	98.8

**TABLE 2: 1996 Contract Payment Data**

Commodities	Payment Rates			Total Payment <sup>1/</sup>
	Advance	Final	Total	
Wheat (cents/bu.)	31.0	56.4	87.4	\$1,976,000,000
Corn (cents/bu.)	12.0	13.1	25.1	\$1,771,000,000
Grain Sorghum (cents/bu.)	15.5	16.8	32.3	\$206,000,000
Barley (cents/bu.)	11.5	21.7	33.2	\$141,000,000
Oats (cents/bu.)	1.0	2.3	3.3	\$9,000,000
Upland Cotton (cents/lb.)	3.875	5.007	8.882	\$746,000,000
Rice (\$/cwt.)	1.390	1.376	2.766	\$472,000,000
Total				\$5,321,000,000

<sup>1/</sup> Payments are before adjustments due to application of payment limitation provisions.

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**TABLE 3: 1996 Production Flexibility Contracts By State /2  
(In Thousands)**

Alabama	\$40,840	Nebraska	\$305,264
Alaska	\$115	Nevada	\$1,556
Arizona	\$52,168	New Hampshire	\$309
Arkansas	\$276,570	New Jersey	\$2,320
California	\$257,773	New Mexico	\$21,194
Colorado	\$102,098	New York	\$23,525
Connecticut	\$691	North Carolina	\$60,842
Delaware	\$4,280	North Dakota	\$311,495
Florida	\$9,397	Ohio	\$125,852
Georgia	\$81,342	Oklahoma	\$188,544
Idaho	\$91,535	Oregon	\$48,231
Illinois	\$341,017	Pennsylvania	\$18,167
Indiana	\$169,259	Rhode Island	\$24
Iowa	\$353,218	South Carolina	\$30,112
Kansas	\$427,619	South Dakota	\$153,398
Kentucky	\$44,513	Tennessee	\$54,517
Louisiana	\$146,868	Texas	\$502,964
Maine	\$671	Utah	\$8,443
Maryland	\$13,512	Vermont	\$1,045
Massachusetts	\$439	Virginia	\$20,108
Michigan	\$78,512	Washington	\$121,276
Minnesota	\$263,583	West Virginia	\$1,649
Mississippi	\$144,066	Wisconsin	\$88,095
Missouri	\$156,638	Wyoming	\$9,150
Montana	\$165,737		
		US Total	\$5,320,542

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**TABLE 4: 1996 Marketing Assistance  
Loan Rates**

Wheat	\$2.58/bu.
Corn	\$1.89/bu.
Soybeans	\$4.97/bu.
Grain Sorghum	\$1.81/bu. (\$3.23/cwt.)
Barley	\$1.55/bu.
Upland Cotton	51.92 cents/lb.
Oats	\$1.03/bu.
ELS Cotton	79.65 cents/lb.
Rice	\$6.50/cwt.
Minor Oilseeds	\$8.81/cwt.

**More detailed statistics** broken down by State and county are available at the FSA World Wide Web site, at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)

**For further information** about Production Flexibility Contracts, including contract terms and methods used to calculate payments and market assistance loan rates, see the Farm Service Agency Fact Sheet entitled "Contract Commodities."

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